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REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application.

Restriction to one of the following inventions has been required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a polarization conversion system comprising a polarizing beam splitter and a patterned optical retarder.

II. Claims 15-21 and 23-25, drawn to a method of fabricating a patterned retarder plate.

III. Claim 22, drawn to a patterned retarder plate.

The inventions are said to be distinct for reasons given by the Examiner.

In order to be responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the invention I. of claims 1-14, and withdraw claims 15-25.

Applicants have also added new claims 26 and 27, which are believed to be directed to the polarization conversion system of invention I., comprising a polarizing beam splitter and a patterned optical retarder. As a consequence, Applicants request examination of Claims 1-14, 26 and 27.

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